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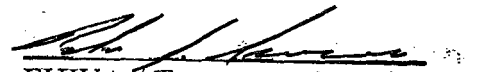
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Mr. David C. Miller, Alaska Division
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Attn: Peter Serrano, Planner

RE: 2001 - 2003 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Amendment # 11

Dear Mr. Miller:

The following major amendment, which only requires FHWA approval, is submitted for your consideration.

The Department is proposing to add a project, Copper River Trail: Uranitina River to Cleave Creek with Richardson Highway Connector. Cleave Creek south to the Allen River is no longer within the limits of the Copper River Trail project due to right of way issues and landowner concerns. A trail connector along the Tiekell River to the Richardson Highway has been added. A map of the area is attached.

This project replaces the Copper River Trail: Uranitina to Allen River project in the STIP. The Uranitina to Allen River segment of the Copper River Trail costs the same and was scheduled for the same years as the Uranitina River to Cleave Creek with Richardson Highway Connector segment. The STIP remains fiscally constrained since the deletion of the Copper River Trail: Uranitina to Allen River project offsets the addition of the Copper River Trail: Uranitina River to Cleave Creek project.

The addition of Copper River Trail Construction: Uranitina River to Cleave Creek with Richardson Highway Connector does not require an Air Quality Conformity Determination nor does it prompt any changes to the required environmental documentation. After a 45-day public review period all comments received were addressed and, if possible, accommodated.

The State certifies that all applicable provisions of the following laws have been met.

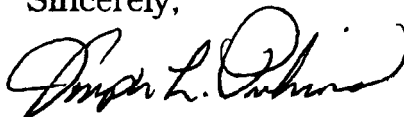
- 23 USC 135 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act,
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
- Section 110 1 (b) of TEA-2 1 relating to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects,
- Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,
- Provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain Federal Activities, and
- Section 174 and 176 of the Clean Water Act.

In addition, the State certifies that the following requirements have been met:

- That the STIP has been developed with public involvement as required by Section 450.2 12 of the Statewide Planning Regulations,
- That the STIP contains only projects consistent with the Alaska Statewide Transportation Plan (Vision: 2020),
- That in nonattainment areas, the STIP contains only transportation projects found to conform, or from projects that conform, to the requirements contained in 40 CFR part 5 1,
- That the STIP is fiscally constrained by year,
- That the STIP contains a list of priority projects to be carried out in the first three years of the STIP,
- That the STIP meets the requirements of 23 CFR 2 16, and
- That the existing transportation system is being adequately maintained and operated.

With respect to the certifications mentioned and any corrections you may suggest, we request your approval of the amended 1998-2000 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Perkins, P.E.
Commissioner

Enclosure: map of the Upper Copper River Trail

cc: Jennifer Bowman, Community Planner, FTA Region X

